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SUBJECT: SURVEILLANCE OF U.S. EMBASSY THE HAGUE 07/27/2004

[1](#)A. (U) POST: The Hague.

B, (U) ACTIVITY DATE/TIME: July 27, 2004 at approximately 1250 hrs.

[1](#)C. (SBU) SUMMARY: DCM and RSO responded to the office of the Dutch National Coordinator for Security and Public Safety, at his request, to join with the Israeli Security Officer, in a briefing on a security incident from the previous evening. The security incident was a filming of sensitive locations including Dutch provincial and national government building and the US and Israeli Embassies, among others. It was later determined that our source received the report the previous evening but that the incident was several hours earlier in the day.

The incident came to light when the Dutch Royal Military Police Security Detail for the Israeli Defense Attach noticed an passenger filming the area in front of the Israeli Embassy from inside a vehicle stopped across the street. The MPs followed the suspicious vehicle, a black Peugeot 205 (NFI) and when the driver was observed using his cell phone, not hands free while driving, they stopped him for the traffic violation. The two occupants were determined to be a Dutch citizen and a Saudi citizen. The MPs reviewed the filming done by the subject even though they lacked any clear legal authority to do so. The review revealed they had filmed for approximately one kilometer on 3 streets. They began at the provincial government building around the corner and continued towards our location filming the Omani Embassy, Turkish Embassy, The Hague's only Synagogue, the French Embassy (immediately adjacent to us) along the way, our building and continued almost a half kilometer to the Israeli Embassy and the Dutch Parliament building across the street. The subject's line of approach gave him an angled view of our only pedestrian entrance and our rear gate vehicle entrance. This line of travel took then along the south side (long side) of the building and gave them a similarly angled but fairly complete view of the front of our building. Finding no reason to hold the subjects the MPs released them after returning their video camera.

The Coordinator refused our requests for names, DOBs and tag numbers citing the fact that an active Police investigation was ongoing and that he did not have authority to release that information. He did indicate that he anticipated arrests in the next day or two.

D, (SBU) REPORT SOURCE: Agents of the Dutch Royal Military Police (Koninklijke Marechaussee) Protective Security Branch (BSB) to Ajgan Jonge Vos, Dutch National Coordinator for Security and Public Safety.

[1](#)E. (SBU) DESCRIPTIONS: Two Males, one Saudi National and one Dutch National. Mr. Jonge Vos is restricted in what information he can disclose but he did state a) the subjects drove up the A-12 from Utrecht, b) that one subject was born in Brawa and c) the investigation was being conducted outside The Hague. From that we deduce that driver/vehicle owner is a naturalized citizen from Brawa or Brawa Yare, Somalia and that the investigation is in the hands of the authorities in Utrecht. Utrecht, about 60 km East of The Hague is the fourth largest city in the Netherlands, a city with a significant Muslim immigrant population and a known radical mosques.

[1](#)F. PROBABLE TARGET/S: Dutch government, US and Israeli Embassy

[1](#)G. (SBU) POST INVESTIGATE ACTIONS: RSO will check SDTeam Database and attempt to determine is our cameras recorded the passage of the vehicle. The Israeli RSO will also check his video recordings and has agreed to share his results.

[1](#)H. (SBU) POST SECURITY/OPERATIONAL ACTIONS: RSO will brief the SD Team and the MSG Detachment.

[1](#)I. (SBU) REQUESTS MADE FOR HOST SECURITY ASSISTANCE: DCM and RSO requested any an all releasable information developed as the investigation progresses.

1J. (SBU) SECURITY ACTIONS TAKEN BY HOST GOVERNMENT: Host government has promised a full investigation.